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February 25, 1958

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 17, 1958, has been received, and I appreciate the motive which prompted your communication.

I recognize your concern with regard to the problems discussed in your letter and while I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I sincerely regret, therefore, that it will not be possible to furnish you with the information you desire.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will draw no inference because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you requested.

I want to advise you, however, that Kenneth Goff has never been connected with this Bureau in any way and has never been assigned an Agent to act as a bodyguard for him. The functions of this Bureau do not extend to providing that type of service.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, DENVER

Attached is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reflect that one [redacted] who may be identical with the correspondent, was the subject of your letter to the Bureau dated April 30, 1952, captioned "[redacted] Security Matter - C," (Denver file 100-6220). This letter indicated a complaint had been received that [redacted] might be interested in communism since he was critical of the way the Government was being run in the United States. Due to the nonspecific nature of the complaint, no investigation was conducted. (100-390807)

The activities of Kenneth Goff are well known to your office. (62-80382)

Groucho Marx was the subject of a security investigation in 1953 based upon an allegation he was a heavy contributor to the Communist Party (CP). This investigation was closed since the allegation was not substantiated and informants advised he had no connection with the CP. (100-407258)

Frank Sinatra was the subject of a Security Matter - C, Fraud Against the Government investigation in 1955 based upon his affidavit to the State Department in connection with an application for a passport dated January 10, 1955, indicating he had never been a member of the CP or any subversive organizations. The Bureau had previously received allegations concerning his contacts with the CP and numerous front groups. The investigation developed no evidence connecting Sinatra with the CP or any of its front groups except for his membership in the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions in 1946, which organization has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front. Sinatra's name has been linked with various racketeers and hoodlums such as members of the Capone gang, Willie Moretti, former underworld boss of Bergen County, New Jersey, James Tarantino, an associate of "Bugsey" Siegel and other hoodlums on the west coast. (62-83219)

James Cagney was the subject of a security investigation in 1951. Cagney allegedly contributed to the CP as well as to various communist front groups in the 1930s and was allegedly a member of the CP at one time. When interviewed on March 28, 1951, by Bureau Agents, he denied ever having been a member of the CP or knowingly contributed to the CP. (100-2279)

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TRUE COPY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A recent series of lectures in our community by Kenneth Goff, professed onetime communist, has led me to write this letter of inquiry.

1. What factual connection do you have that James Cagney, Groucho Marx, Katharine Hepburn, Edward G. Robinson and Frank Sinatra are communistic?
2. Does excessively fluorinated water have a tranquilizing effect?
3. Was dumping a large quantity of flourine in water supplies in America (the U.S.) a Communist plan?
4. Has Mr. Goff been assigned an F.B.I. agent as body guard for any extended period of time?
5. What evidence is there that Eleanor Roosevelt has been tainted with Communism. (I am a democrat so this question interests me.)
6. What attitude if any does your agency assume toward Mr. Goff and his work?
7. Is the National Council of Churches headed by Communists?

Not knowing the operations of your agency, I realize that you may not be able to answer all or even one of these questions. I do realize that it is rather easy for a lecturer to spread doubt on alleged facts which are in truth not valid.

I would appreciate a reply to this letter even if you are unable to answer any of the questions.

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5. What evidence is there that Eleanor Roosevelt has been linked with Communism. (I am a Democrat so that question interests me.)

6. What attitude if any does your Agency assume

JCK

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